



THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVES AS A DRIVEN FACTOR FOR ENHANCING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SPAIN.

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Overview...



- Water planning process in Spain. Directives from Europe
- The Public Participation Process.

- Three levels



- Methodology

- Case of Study: Ebro's Hydrographical Demarcation (CHE) and The Catalan Water Agency (ACA).
- First Impressions and relevant issues at the process.

Water Planning Process. Directiva Marco de Agua (DMA)

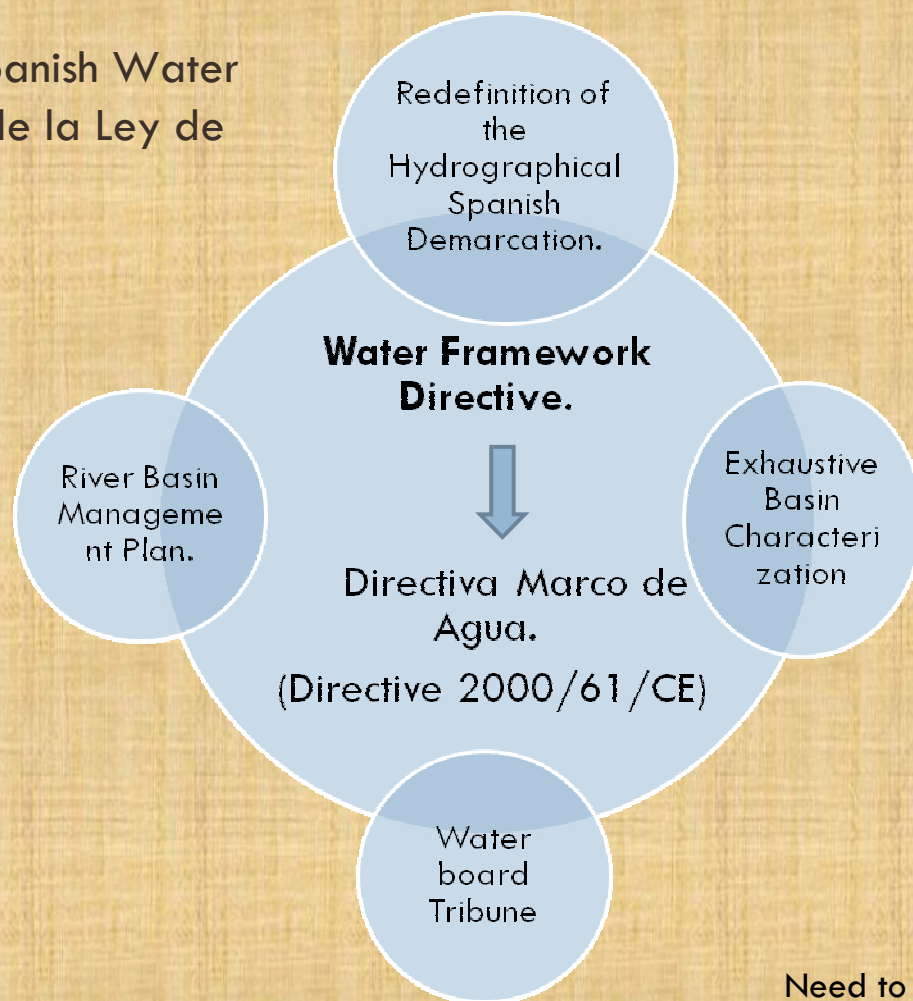


- The Aim of The Directive (2009-2015)
 - ▣ Protection and enhancement of all Water bodies at the EU and the ecosystems related.
 - ▣ Water Management at the catchment
 - ▣ Cost Recovery in Water use.
 - ▣ Ensure Public Participation
 - ▣ Creation of the so called “River Basin Management Plans”

Implications to the Spanish Water Law



- Main Changes to the Spanish Water Law “Texto Refundido de la Ley de Aguas (TRLA)”



Law 27/2006 & 9/2006

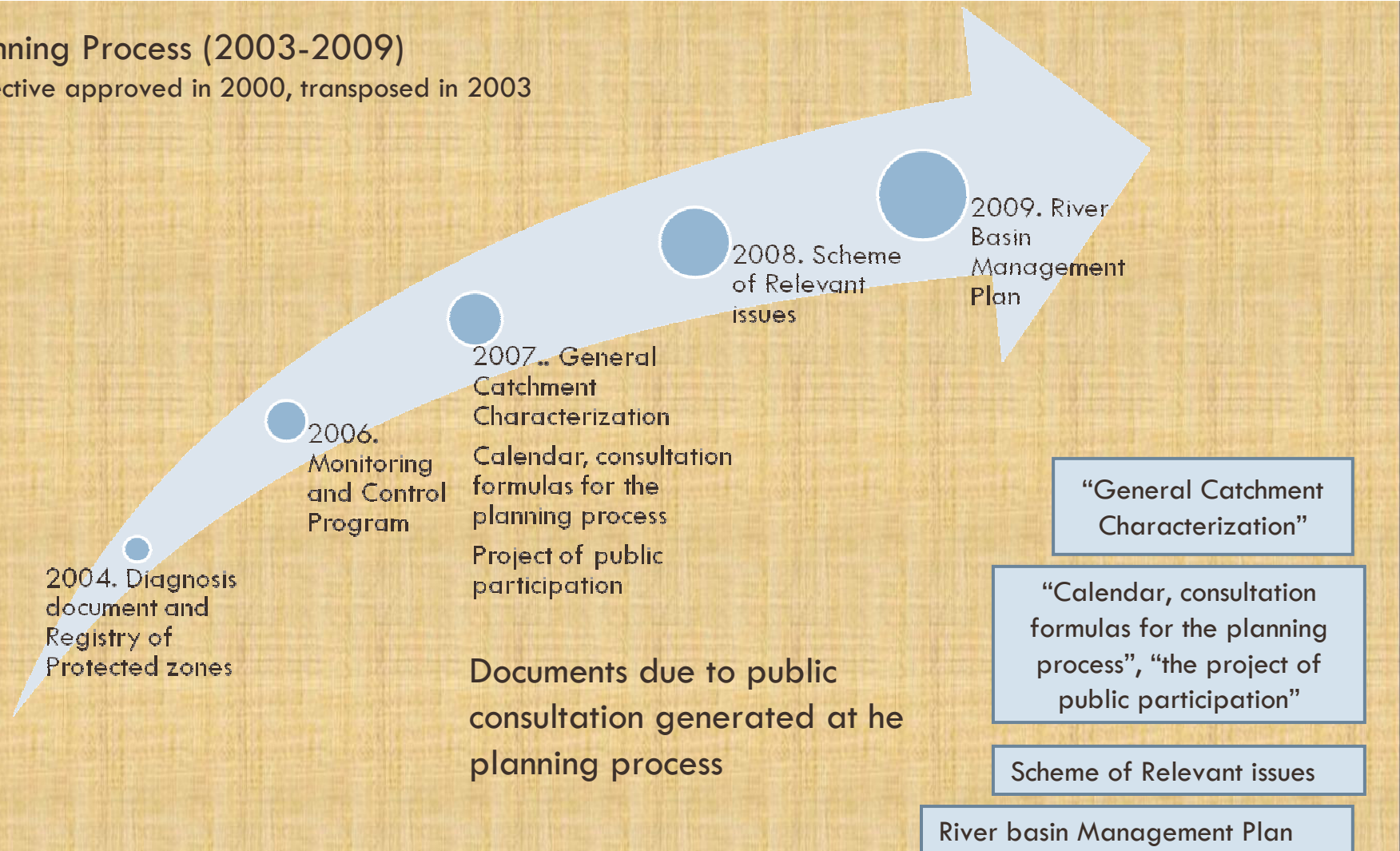
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Calendar and main Stages



Planning Process (2003-2009)

- Directive approved in 2000, transposed in 2003



Stakeholders, Authorities and Bodies of cooperation.



□ Who will be involved?

- Social
- Economical and business
- Irrigators
- Local Councils
- Administration

□ How it will be monitored and supervised?

- Water Tribune
 - Must cover the three levels. Maximum responsible of the Participation process
 - Responsible to providing the River Basin Management plan and the Scheme of relevant issues
 - Integrated by the Central Administration, Technicians from the Demarcation, local authorities and representatives from all groups
- Board of Competent authorities
 - Cooperation Body between Central administration, counties and Local Authorities.
 - It is made up of a president, a secretary, 8 vocals from the Ministry, 1 vocal from each of the counties within the Demarcation, 3 vocals from local entities.

The Public Participation process.

Reference Document N-8 Common Implementing Strategy (CIS).



- Three levels must be ensured
- No rules defined

	Information supply	Consultation Process	Active Participation
Target	to present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMA • Participation Process • River basin Characterization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perception Questioners • Spaces for opinion • Specific reports to certain issues • Spaces for Feedbacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To collect perceptions, opinions and proposals regarding DMA and the participation process
Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific meetings • Cooperation with other foundations . • Various lines of diffusion (DVD, Website, Radio, 3D flights, GIS support) • Meetings with guards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feedback Specific meeting • Spaces for open feed back (Web, Demarcation offices) • Questioners to General participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information meetings • Working table meetings • Sectorial horizontal meetings • feedback meetings • Permanent sub-catchment board • WEB • Open spaces



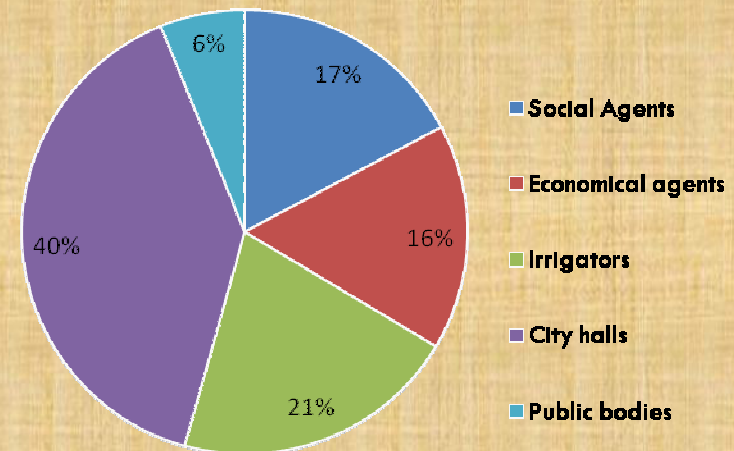
Methodology I (CHE) From the sub-catchment to the global Catchment

Sub-Catchment

- Stakeholder Search and working table arrangement
 - 4,000 people pre-contacted.
 - Aiming to provide an atmosphere of Reliability.
 - Transversal meetings
 - Initial documents and Potential List of potential measures provided
- Meeting process and working tables.
 - Take off in April 26th (Pilot Experience) until June 2008.
 - 3 hours meeting following a similar protocol
 - Meetings Coordination Inter-Administration after all.

Results

- 107 meeting over 26 sub-catchment
- 2,837 participants (1,623 non-repeated)
from 1,205 different entities
- 10,500 proposals collected

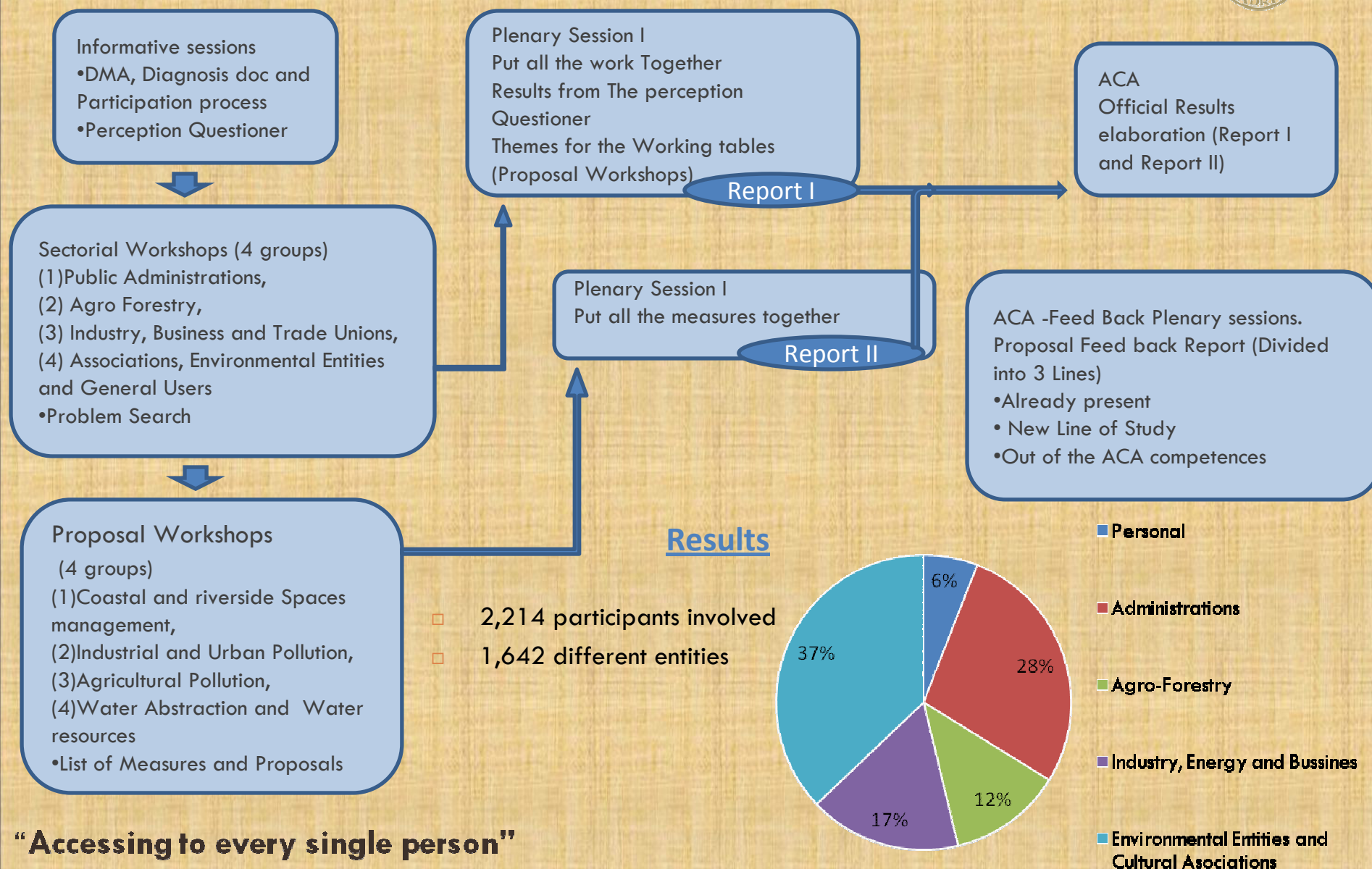


Global Catchment (October 2006-June 2008)

- Small group of representative members involved at the Participation process
- Same objective. Important contribution to the Scheme of Relevant issues and the RPBS
 - Specific Reports under CHE funding (University, Research Centres,
 - Results: 16 meeting and 246 participants

“Every single opinion was collected”

Methodology II (ACA) From the transversal to Horizontal level



“Accessing to every single person”

First Impressions...



- General Delayed.
 - 2004: Diagnosis Document. 1 year delayed(Penalized)
 - 2009: RBMP . More than a 1 year delayed (first Warning).Participation Process still ongoing
- Landmark at the Spanish Participation Experience
 - Number of participants and entities
 - Big Economical effort
- Big Challenge for the Central Government
 - How to Unify Quality rather than quantity?
 - European Commission last word
- How to learn from each other experience in order to improve the process.
- Impressions from the perception questioners suggest weaknesses at the process; lack of reliability at the Administration and the general representatives, economical, time and commitment.

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